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Montana Medicaid Notice

Inpatient Hospitals

Alcohol/Drug Detox Medicaid Monies Recovery

Medicaid recently found some inpatient hospital claims for alcohol and/or drug detox that had a length of stay over four days and were not prior authorized. Per ARM 37.86.2902—INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES, REQUIREMENTS:

“(4) Alcohol and drug treatment services are limited to: (a) detoxification services up to four days, except that more than four days may be covered if concurrently authorized by the designated review organization and a hospital setting is required; or (b) the designated review organization determines that the patient has a concomitant condition that must be treated in the inpatient hospital setting, and the alcohol and drug treatment is a necessary adjunct to the treatment of the concomitant condition.” This information can also be found in the Hospital Inpatient Services provider manual.

The Department has completed a post payment review and will be recovering monies spent in error for those alcohol/drug detoxification claims that were paid for lengths of stay over four days without a prior authorization.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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